



Conference Agenda

**BINI'ANT'AATSOZI —
BIG HARVEST IN RIPENING OF EARLY CROPS SEASON
AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE**

TUESDAY, August 21, 2012

All Day

GENERAL SESSION

7:30 am - 4:00 pm		Registration Morning Refreshment - Coffee, Fruit, Pastries
8:20 am - 8:30 am	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	Prayer
8:30 am - 8:45 am		President Ben Shelly, Navajo Nation "Agriculture and Conservation on the Navajo Nation"
8:45 am - 9:00 am		Honorable Katherine Benally, Chairperson, Resources and Development Committee, NN Council "Caring for Our Land"
9:00 am - 10:20 am		Branch of Natural Resources, BIA, Navajo Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grazing Permit Overview, Calvert Curley, BIA/BNR (10 min.) - Historical Overview - Inventory (non-use, probate, cancellation, administrative hold, etc.) - Summary: Navajo Nation Wide; By Agency (map, acre, sheep unit) - Permittee Responsibility, Summary of Challenges - Authority Reference, Casey Francisco, BNR/BIA (5 min) - Range Inventory and Utilization Study Overview, Jerome Willie, BNR/BIA (15 min) - Agency REPORTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Western Navajo (District 1, 2, 3, 5, 8), Casey Francisco, BNR/BIA (10 min) - Ft. Defiance (District 7, 14, 18 17), Jerome Willie, BNR/BIA (10 min) - Central Navajo (District 4, 10, 11)Genevieve Benally, BNR/BIA (10 min) - Shiprock Northern Navajo (District 9, 12, 13), Herbert Jones, BNR, BIA (10 min) - Eastern Navajo (District 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22), Effie Delmar, BNR/BIA (10 min)
10:20 am - 10:35 am		Break
10:35 am - 12:00 pm		Question and Answer (2 minute per person)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm		Lunch Break - BBQ Area
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	Dr. Margaret Hiza Redsteer, U.S. Geological Survey (45 minutes) "Navajo drought: Drought impact, greater vulnerability from drought, remediation." Mr. Fred Johnson, Environmental Specialist, Water Quality, Navajo EPA, Dine' Translator
1:45 pm - 2:00 pm		Question and Answer
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm		Dr. Michael A. Crimmins, Ph.D, Associate Professor & Extension Specialist - Climate Science Department of Soil, Water & Environmental Science, The University of Arizona "The Changing Global Climate and the Impact on the Navajo Nation"
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm		Question and Answer
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm		Break
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	Water Resources Department - Water Access (windmills, earthen dams, ponds, streams); Drought Plan; Operation and Maintenance; Information Resources Available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Windmill, Earth Dam, Ponds, etc. Inventory, Najam Tariq, Branch Director, TCOB - Maintenance Plan Including Cost, Najam Tariq, Manager, Branch Director, TCOB - Navajo Nation Drought Plan, Jason John, Principal Hydrologist, Branch Director
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm		Question and Answer
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm		"Surface Water Quality Impact on Navajo: Nonpoint Source Pollution" Fred Johnson, Environmental Specialist, Water Quality, Navajo EPA



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WEDNESDAY, August 22, 2012

½ Day	General Session
Track 1	Navajo & Federal Policy/Laws
Track 2	Navajo Government Process
Track 3	Livestock Management
Track 4	Farming/Gardening

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Morning Refreshment - Coffee, Fruit, Pastries				
8:10 am - 8:15 am	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	Prayer			
8:15 am - 8:35 am		Ken Monacell, Branch Manager, Labatt Foods, Albuquerque, NM “The Labatt Foods Native Beef Initiative and the Potential for Native Ranchers in National Beef Markets”			
8:35 am - 8:50 am		Leonard Tsosie, Member, Resources and Development Committee, Navajo Nation Council “Future Outlook: Agriculture on the Navajo Nation”			
8:50 am - 9:50 pm		Navajo Grazing Act - Mr. Ray Castillo, Extension Agent, NNDA 1. General Purpose 2. Full Time Employee 3. Grazing Fees - regional conservation projects			
9:50 am - 10:20 am		Question and Answer (2 minutes per person) Moderator - Lucille Krause, Navajo Mountain, DGCM Member			
10:20 am - 10:35 am		Break			
10:35 am - 12:00 pm		Question and Answer - Moderator - Lucille Krause, Navajo Mountain, DGCM Member			
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm		Lunch Break - BBQ Area			
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (4H Pavilion)	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	LIVE DEMONSTRATION Doctor Scott Bender, Veterinarian Veterinary and Livestock Program, Navajo Dpt. Of Agriculture - <i>Restraining Livestock Safely</i> - <i>Castration of Lambs and Calves</i> - <i>Dehorning Cattle</i>			
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm		“Agriculture Land Use Plots“ Juan Arviso, BNR/BIA	“How to Write a Successful Chapter Resolution” Walter Hudson, LGSC	“How to Start a Cattle Association” John M. Romero And Stuart A. Romero, Sedillo Cattle Association	“Seed To Feed: Hydroponic Fodder Production” Bill Edwards, Pgm. Dir., Tolani Lake Enterprises
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm		Break			
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm		“Probate: Eastern Agency” Effie Delmar, BNR/BIA	“What Services to Expect from your DGCM” Kim Johnson, NNDA	“Your Best Bull Selection” Tom Hardesty, Basin Angus Ranch	“Soil Consideration for Farming & Gardening” Ivan Joe, NRCS
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm		“Probate: Big Navajo” Irvine Chee, Dpt. of Justice, Navajo Nation	“Creating A Grazing Mgt. Plan” Kim Johnson, And Ray Castillo, NNDA	“Five Items to Increase the Value of Your Herd” John M. Romero And Stuart A. Romero, Sedillo Cattle Association	“Planting a Garden Oasis in Naschitti” Richard Begay



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THURSDAY, August 23, 2012

Track 1	Navajo & Federal Policy/Laws
Track 2	Range Conservation
Track 3	Livestock Management/Cultural
Track 4	Farming/Gardening

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Morning Refreshment - Coffee, Fruit, Pastries			
8:20 am - 8:30 am	Prayer			
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Frederick H. White, Executive Director, Division of Natural Resources "Agriculture and Conservation Priority Within the Division of Natural Resources"			
8:45 am - 9:30 am	<i>"Cemeteries and Eminent Domain"</i> Howard Draper, Land Dpt., Navajo Nation	<i>"What is an Integrated Weed Management Plan? How can it help me?"</i> Renee Benally, U.S. Dpt. of the Interior, BIA, And Representative, Fred Phillips Inc.	<i>"Traditional Wool Dyeing Demonstration"</i> Sarah H. Natani Dine Be lina, Inc.	<i>"Regional Food Systems"</i> Evert Oldham, Area Director, San Juan County Government
9:45 am - 10:20 am	<i>"Five Year Action Plan to Address Feral Livestock in Eastern Navajo Agency"</i> NNDA and BIA Team	<i>"Livestock Range Nutrition"</i> Jim Sprinkle, Area Animal Science Specialist, University of Arizona, Gila County	<i>"Diné Value of the Land and Agriculture"</i> Robert Johnson, Navajo Cultural Specialist, Navajo Nation Museum	<i>"Drip Irrigation"</i> Dr. Dan Smeal, PhD, College Professor, NMSU - ASC Plant and Environmental Sciences
10:20 am - 10:35 am	Break			
10:35 am - 11:35 am	<i>"The Benefit of Filing Agriculture and Ranching Income Taxes"</i> Dr. Ruby Ward, Associate Professor, Utah State University	<i>"Using Herbicides Safely on the Range"</i> Navajo EPA	<i>"Navajo Weaving: Wedge Weaving Technique"</i> TahNibaa Naataanii Executive Director Dine Be lina, Inc.	<i>"Green House and Box Gardening"</i> Nicole Pino And Anthony Howard, Navajo Technical College
11:35 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break - BBQ Area			
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	<i>"2008 - 2012: Livestock Round Up Report (Trends, Attitudes, Future Plans for Feral Livestock Removal)"</i> Aurelia Nez, Sergeant, Resource Enforcement	<i>"Re-Focus on Value of Beef Quality Assurance and Utilizing EPD's"</i> Manny Encienas, Livestock Specialist, NMSU	<i>"Growing and Harvesting Navajo Tea for Profit"</i> Steve Heil, Grower Farm Wonder LLC	<i>"Basic Low Pressure Sprinkler Irrigation"</i> Dr. Dan Smeal, PhD, College Professor, NMSU - ASC Plant and Environmental Sciences
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	<i>"The Navajo Corporation Code: How to Incorporate A Ranching/Farming Business"</i> Eunice Begay, Navajo Business Regulatory	<i>"Conservation and Water Development Project: NN Pitts Ranch"</i> Ivan Becenti, NNDA and Dan Taylor, Bat Foundation	<i>"Open Cows"</i> Navajo Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA	<i>"Native Seed Search"</i>
3:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies - Door Prizes (must be present to win)			

Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open